

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson in said county:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Granite Valley Middle School on Thompson Street on Monday, November 6, 2017, A.D. at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles:

Article 1:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$200,000.00 authorization to borrow to pay for the cost of the Hospital Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project; as approved by the Town pursuant to Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting held November 10, 2014, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary on behalf of the Town to rescind said borrowing authorization, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$505,097.00 authorization to borrow to pay for the cost of the Town Office / Police Station Project; as approved by the Town pursuant to Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting held May 14, 2012, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary on behalf of the Town to rescind said borrowing authorization, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 4:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Reserve fund to the Hospital Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project Prior Year Bill Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5:**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$18,014.00 to complete extensive renovations on the Ronald Constantino baseball field including leveling the field, restoring the pitcher's mound and resurfacing the infield. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6:**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,274.00 to install benches, rehabilitate the playing surface and replace the standards of the basketball court on Veterans Field. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7:**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,651.00 to the Monson Housing Historical Society for the purpose of replacing the heating and air conditioning systems at the Jacob Thompson House. \$9,651.00 will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8:**Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$307,740.00 for the acquisition by negotiated purchase the land consisting of approximately 180 +/- acres, including all costs incidental and related thereto, said 180 +/- acres is more fully comprised of the following: (1) approximately 90 acres of land owned by the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube and described on Assessors Map 58, Parcel 3 and in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 8920, Page 397 and (2) approximately 90 acres of land owned by Boulder Hill Development, LLC which is a portion of the property described on Assessors Map 18, Parcel 2 and in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13250, Page 10 (collectively the "Property"); and that said land be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town;

And that to fund said purchase, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$307,740.00 as follows: (a) appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Fund of the Community Preservation Account (b) authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$207,740 in anticipation of revenue and grant receipts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, and the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant as referenced in this article, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount and further that said funds be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee;

And to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) program (M.G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisitions; and/or any other in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to enter into any necessary contracts therefor, subject to Town Counsel approval;

And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44B, §12 and M.G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, as may be deemed appropriate and any other statutory provisions relating to the same, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said purchase, all subject to Town Counsel approval;

The expenditure of the funds appropriated and/or borrowed under this vote is subject to: (a) award of a grant in the amount of up to \$207,740.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 132A, §11 (the so-called LAND grant), and (2) approval of the Town of the transfer of the approximate 90 acres of land being purchased from the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube to the Trustees of Reservation with the Town retaining a conservation restriction on said land in accordance with all applicable statutory provisions.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION:

That the Town appropriates \$307,740 for the purchase of the Property, including all costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation authorize the following action:

- (a) appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from the Open Space Fund of the Community Preservation Account (b) authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$207,740 in anticipation of revenue and grant receipts

pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, and the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant as referenced in this article, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount and further that said funds be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee

- (b) And to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) program (M.G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisitions; and/or any other in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to enter into any necessary contracts therefor, subject to Town Counsel approval;
- (c) And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44B, §12 and M.G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, as may be deemed appropriate and any other statutory provisions relating to the same, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said purchase, all subject to Town Counsel approval;
- (d) The expenditure of the funds appropriated and/or borrowed under this vote is subject to:
 - (a) award of a grant in the amount of up to \$207,740.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 132A, §11 (the so-called LAND grant), and (2) approval of the Town of the transfer of the approximate 90 acres of land being purchased from the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube to the Trustees of Reservation with the Town retaining a conservation restriction on said land in accordance with all applicable statutory provisions.

Article 9:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the preservation and restoration town records. To complete this round of preservation \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to transfer ownership of land it will acquire from the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube as set forth in Article 8 herein to the Trustees of Reservations to extend the Peaked Mountain Reservation. Said land will continue to be used for passive and conservation purposes. And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to execute any and all instruments including the acceptance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B, as amended, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said conveyance, subject to Town Counsel approval or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$290,000.00, or any other amount, to pay costs of designing and constructing a Spray Park in Veteran's Field, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise provided; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: That the Town raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$290,000 to pay costs of designing and constructing a Spray Park in Veteran's Field, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B (the Community Preservation Act), c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any funds appropriated by this vote shall be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Article 12:

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$35,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to build a Spray Park in Veteran's Field. Said funds will be used to build the park under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the construction off street parking for Veteran's Field activities and 110 Main Street ancillary parking, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 14:

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate \$3,000.00 from the Assessor's Overlay Reserves to fund updating of the GIS Mapping Systems, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15:

Submitted by: Town Collector

To see if the Town will vote to reaccept M.G.L. c. 40, §57 which provides for the Town to establish a by-law authorizing denial, suspension, renovation or non-renewal of licenses or permits for applicants not in "good standing" on local taxes or charges and eliminates the requirement that the applicant must be delinquent for at least 12 months, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate \$24,000 to replace the smoke stack at Monson High School, and all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to repair the pool's Dectron Unit at Quarry Hill School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a \$3,000.00 to replace the pool vacuum at Quarry Hill School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a \$20,000.00 to build a new outdoor play area at Granite Valley Middle School, and all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate a sum of money to repair three doorways at Quarry Hill School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21:

Submitted by: Finance Director

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money with which to meet bills of previous years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22:

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash for replacement of doors, frames and hardware at Palmer Road Station or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23:

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash to the Water Enterprise Pipe Crossing Rehab Capital Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24:

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Free Cash for tree removal at Palmer Road Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 25:

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash to the Sewer Department Maintenance of Joint Treatment Prior Year Bill Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 41, Section 19K, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 21A, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Assessor and Assistant Assessor in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28:

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 41, Section 108P, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Collector or Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000.00, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 29:

Submitted by: Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to amend Town of Monson General Bylaws, Article 2, Section 1, as follows and further that the Town authorize nonsubstantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw:

ARTICLE 2 – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of ~~13~~ 9 legal voters of the Town who shall be appointed by the Moderator as hereinafter provided.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30:

Submitted by: Cemetery Commission

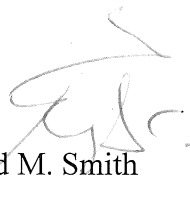
To see if the Town of Monson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate \$25,000.00 for removal and/or pruning of cemetery trees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of October, 2017.



Edward S. Harrison, Chairman



Richard M. Smith

John Morrell

MONSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the legal voters of the Town of Monson by posting an attested copy of said Warrant in at least two places in said Monson fourteen days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

A true copy,
ATTEST:

 10/20/17

Constable of Monson



Town Clerk

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